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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/781,953

Examiner: P. Miller

Filed: February 14, 2001

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Title: SHAPE MEMORY FOAM MEMBER AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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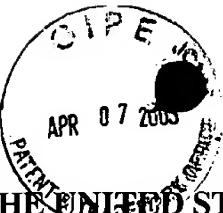
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 6, 10 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is
attached.

BY PSC
1. (Amended) A shape memory foam member, wherein

a coefficient of water absorption is in the range between 0.01 g/cm^3 and 0.2 g/cm^3
in a non-compressed state and a bulk density is not more than 400 kg/m^3 , and